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1. T. S. Armistead	E.		South Georgia						Mt. Tabor.
2. J. Atkins	E. E.	Jan. 1871.	Florida	6	1				Quincy. Chattaboochee.
4. R. H. Barnett	E.	Dec. 1869.	Florida	9	()	• 2		13	Tampa.
5. U.S. Bird	E. E.	Jan. 1877.	Florida	4	10	2			Key West. Orlando.
7 E. L. T. Blake	E.		Florida		14	1			Ocala.
8. W. G. Booth 9. F. R. Bridges	E. E.	Nov. 1878.	South Georgia . lorida		1				Quincy. Manatee.
10. J. A. Castel	E. E.	Dec. 1874.	Florida	1 .4	3	1		3.0	Starke. Anthony Place.
11. J. S. Collier	E.	Jan. 1838.	Florida South Carolina East Texas		1	1		10	Ft. Ogden.
13. W. C. Collins	E.	Nov. 1858.	Fast Texas Florida						Webster. Apalachicola.
14. D. W. Core* 15. W. Davie-*	E.	Dec. 1854.	. Florida	18	4			57	Webster.
16. J. P. DePass 17. C. E. Dowman	E.		. South Carolina . North Georgia.				. 0		Archer. Oxford, Ga.
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19. H. B. Frazee		Dec. 1858	. Louisiana . Georgia	10			2 6	2.1	Live Oak. 7 Ja ksonville.
21 Cardnar*	E sel	Dec 1859	Fio ide	1 7	ř - 5		- ''	1:)
22. E. F. Gates* 23. E. H. Giles*	E.Sy.	Dec. 1856	. Georgia UFlorida	1) Manatee.) Ft. Myers.
24. J. W. Hanner, Jr	E.								Yalaha.
25. W. O. Hampton 26. E. H. Harman			/Florida .iSouth Georgia,		1	1			5 Benton. 5 Jacksonville.
27. R. L. Honiker*	E.	Dec. 1870	South Georgia.					1:	2 Lake City.
28. R. H. Howren 29. A. Johnson*	E. Sd	Dec. 1857	. Georgia	. 0	7		} -	4.	i Concord. Live Oak.
30. W. R. Johnson*	E.	Oct. 1862	Louisville	.1 3	8. 7	7	3	. 3:	s Altoona.
31. W. C. Jourdan 32. H. H. Kennedy	E.	Dec. 1868	5. Florida 5. Baltımore	. 2	3				4 Bartow. 4 Tallahassee.
33. A. C. LeGette	E. Sy	. Dec. 1876	5. South Carolina	a					6 Webster.
31. J. B. Ley 35. J. C. Ley	E.	Jan. 184	. Florida 5. Florida	1	$\frac{1}{6}$	3 1	3	2 3	6 Jacksonville. 7 M.eanopy.
36, R. Martin	E.	Jan. 187	i. Florida						9 Key West.
37. H. S. Miller 38. G. W. Mitchell	E.	Jan. 1876	7. Florida 5. Florida		$\frac{1}{7}$	•	S .		4)Clear Water. 7 Ft. Dade.
39. P. A. Murray†	. E.								Madi-on.
40. T. J. Nixon 41. W. F. Norton	E. E.	Dec. 1869	7. Florida 9. Alabama		9	7	2	. 1	4 Jasper. 6 Apopka City.
42. W. H. Parker 43. H. E. Partridge	I E.	Dec. 187	7. Florida 2. Florida		4	1			4 Alifia. 1 Ocala.
44. F. Pasco	. E.	Sep. 186	7. Illinois		Ó	7 8			5 Gaine-ville.
45. A. Peeler	E. E.	Dec. 183	8. Georgia 7. Florida	1	.9 5	3			4 Orlando. 6 Ft. Meade.
47. J. Penny	E. Sd		Florida			••;••••			
48. S. E. Phillips 49. T. J. Phillips	E.	Dec. 186	9. Florida 4. Florida	••	8		••	5 1	3 Micanopy. 9 Madison.
50. A. A. Fresbry	E.	1			9				Samford.
51. O. W. Ransom 52. W. S. Richardson .	E.Sy	Nov. 187	1. Tennessee 7. Florida	•••	3	.;			3 Apopka
53. W. H. F. Robarts	E.	Jan. 187	4. Florida		9				9 White Springs.
54. J. D. Rogers* 55. A. A. Robinson			3. Florida 0. South Georgia		IU	1			11 Fernandina.
56. C. A. Saunders	E.	Nov. 187	7. Florida		. 1	4.	1		5 sanford.
57. J. J. Seally 58. W. A. Simmons*	E.	184	6. Florida 6. Georgia			12	1	2	25 Tampa. Titusville.
59. H. B. Someillan*	E.	Jan. 187	7. Florida				6		6 Key West.
60. J. C. Smith 61. T. W. Tomkies	E.	Dec. 180	9. Florida		5	7	1		13 Archer.
62. R. M. Tydings	E.	Jan 18	o Garria						Anthony Place. 31 Apalachicola.
63. W. M. Walts 64. W. Williams*	E.	Dec. 185	9. Florida 92. Georgia 88. Florida 17. Florida		17,		5		22 Ft. Mason.
65. S. Woodbery	E.	Feb. 18	17. Florida	1	20	5		111	36 Quincy.

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NAME.	Relation.	Entered Itinerancy	Conference	Circuits.	Stations.	Missions.	Districts.	Total.	POST OFFICE.
1. T. S. Armistead	E		South Georgia						Mt. Tabor.
2. J. Atkins	E. E.	Ian. 1874.	Florida	6	1	9	•••••	9	Quincy. Chattaboochee.
4. R. H. Barnett	E.	Dec. 1869.	Florida	9	2	2		13	Tampa.
5. U.S. Bird. 6. T. Bishop	E. E.	Dec. 1669 Ian 1877	Florida	4	10	$\frac{2}{2}$			Key West. Orlando.
7 E. L. T. Blake	E.	Jan. 1843	Georgia	5	14	1			Ocala.
8. W. G. Booth	E.	Dec. 1869	South Georgia .	6		6			Quincy.
9. F. R. Bridges 10. J. A. Castel			lorida Florida	3	1 3	i			Manatee. Starke.
11. J. S. Collier	E.	Jan. 1873	Florida	3		7			Anthony Place.
12. W. E. Collier*	E.	Jan. 1838	. South Carolina East Texas						Ft. Ogden.
13. W. C. Collins	E. Sd.	Nov. 1858 Jan. 1871	Florida	5				7	Webster. Apalachicola.
15. W. Davie-*	E. 1	Dec. 1854	. Florida	1 18	4	6		28	Webster.
16. J. P. DePass	E. E.	Dec. 1860	North Georgia.	3	7		8	22	Archer. Oxford. Ga.
18. W. Lunbar	D.	Dec. 1879	Florida		3		1	6	P latka.
19. H. B. Frazce	E.	Dec. 1858	Louisiana	10	12		2	2.4	Live Oak.
20. C. A. Fulwood	E.	Dec. 1845	Georgia Flo ida	97	20 5		6	37	Jacksonville.
21. S. Gardner*	E. Sv.	Dec. 1856	. Georgia	5			3	19	Manatee.
22. E. F. Gates* 23. E. H. Giles*	E.	Dec. 1858	. Florida	15	1	1	2	20	Ft. Myers.
24. J. W. Hanner, Jr 25. W. O. Hampton	E. E.		Florida	.				١.,	Yalaha. 5 Benton.
26. E. H. Harman	Ē.	Dec. 1877	South Georgia	i	4				Jacksonville.
27. R. L. Honiker*	E.	Dec. 1870	. South Georgia		_				Lake City.
28. R. H. Howren 29. A. Johnson*	E. Sd.	Dec. 183	Georgia	. 37	7		3 4	4	Live Oak.
30. W. R. Johnson*	E.	Oct. 186:	Louisville		3 7		3	1	8 Altoona.
31. W. C. Jourdan	E.	Dec. 185	S. Florida	. 20			. 4	2	4 Bartow.
32. H. H. Kennedy 33. A. C. LeGette	E. Sy.	Dec. 187	B. Baltimore	9.	3 11				4 Tallahussee. 6 Webster.
34. J. B. Ley	E.	Jan. 187	5. South Carolin 7. Florida		1 8	3	2	1	6 Jacksonville.
35. J. C. Ley	E. E.		5. Florida				3	2 3	7 M. canopy.
36. R. Martin	E.	Nov. 187	4. Florida 7. Florida		9	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	3		9 Key West. 4 Clear Water.
38. G. W Mitchell	E.	Jan. 187	6. Florida		7				7 Ft. Dade.
39. P. A. Murray† 40. T. J. Nixon	E. E.	Nov 187	7. Florida	·	1	i	2	••••	Madison. 4 Jasper.
41. W. F. Norton	E.	Dec. 186	9. Alabama		9		ے 	1 1	6 Apopka City.
42. W. H. Parker	E.	Dec. 187	7. Florida		4				4 Alifia.
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46. C. E. Pelot	E.	Jan. 187	7. Florida	••	5		1		6 Ft. Meade.
47. J. Penny	E. Su E.	TDec. 18t	Florida9. Florida		8		•• •••	5	Micanopy.
49. T. J. Phillips	E.	Jan. 187	4. Florida		9				9 Madison.
50. A. A. Presbry	E.	Oot 187	4. Tennessee		3				Sanford.
51. O. W. Ransom 52. W. S. Richardson	E.	Nov. 18	7. Florida		2	$\frac{1}{2}$		•	3 Apopka
53. W. H. F. Robarts	, E.	Jan. 187	4. Florida		9				9 White Springs.
54. J. D. Rogers*	E.	Jan. 18	3. Florida		10				10 11 Ferna n dina.
55. A. A. Robinson 56. C. A. Saunders	E.	Nov. 18	70. South Georgi Florida			4	2		5 Sanford.
57. J. J. Seally	E.	Jan. 18	łb. Florida	:	20 1	2	ī	2	35 Tampa.
58. W. A. Simmons* 59. H. B. Someillan*	. LE.	Jan 18	16. Georgia 77. Florida	•••]••••			6		Titusville. 6 Key West.
60. J. C. Smith	E.						6		Mt. Royal.
60. J. C. Smith	E.	Dec. 18	39. Florida		5	7	1		13 Archer.
62. R. M. Tydings 63. W. M. Waits	E.	Jan 18	52. Georgia	•••	27	3	1		Anthony Place 31 Apalachicola.
64. W. Williams*	. E.	Dec. 18	58. Florida		17		1 5		22 Ft. Mason.
65. S. Woodbery	E.	Feb. 18	47. Florida		20	5			36 Quincy.

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PROCEEDINGS.

FIRST DAY.

The Thirty-eighth Session of the Florida Conference, M. E. Church, South, met in the Methodist Church, Jacksonville, Florida, at 9:30 A. M., January 3d, 1883, Bishop H. H. Kavanaugh in the Chair.

Opened with religious services, conducted by the Bishop, assisted by S.

Woodbery.

The roll was called by the Secretary of the last Conference, and forty ministers and seven lay delegates answered to their names.

The organization was completed by the election of F. Pasco, Secretary. H. E. Partridge, T. Bishop and C. A. Saunders were elected assistants.

On motion, the Presiding Elders were appointed a Committee to nominate the usual Standing Committees.

Hours of meeting and adjournment were fixed at 9:30 and 1:30.

The following brethren were introduced to the Conference: J. B. West, D.D., Tennessee Conference; —Haynes, Tennessee Conference; W. H. Potter, D. D., Editor Wesleyan Christian Advocate; J. W. Burke, Assistant Editor Wesleyan Christian Advocate; G. G. N. MacDonell, South Georgia Conference; J. Atkins, Jr., President Ashville Female College, N. C.; W. S. Carson, North Mississippi Conference; J. C. Smith, transfer from North Texas Conference; G. G. Smith, North Georgia Conference; E. W. Denham, Southern N. E. Conference, M. E. Church; Jas. Scott, Canada Wesleyan Connection; J. B. McFerrin, D. D., Book Agent.

The Bishop announced the following transfers: J. W. Hanner, Jr., Tennessee Conference; T. S. Armistead, North Georgia Conference; J. C. Smith, North Texas Conference; P. L. Smith, North Texas Conference.

Communications from the Presidents of Emory and Wesleyan Female Colleges, Drs. Haygood and Bass, were read and referred.

Conference was addressed by Dr. McFerrin, in the interests of the Publishing House, and by J. Atkins, Jr., in the interest of Ashville Female College.

Questions 2, 6 and 20 were taken up. (See Minutes.)

The contract made by the delegation to the late General Conference with J. W. Burke & Co., for the publication of the Wesleyan Christian Advocate, was referred without reading.

After various announcements, Conference adjourned.

SECOND DAY.

Conference convened at 9:30 A. M., the Bishop in the Chair. Opened with religious services conducted by J. C. Ley. Minutes of yesterday read and approved.

The roll was called and nine additional preachers and two lay delegates

responded.

On motion, further calling of the roll was dispensed with.

Questions 2, 4, 5, 8, 10, 12, 14 were taken up. (See Minutes.)

On motion, all the session of Saturday after 11 o'clock A. M. was set apart as Missionary Day.

The following brethren were introduced: T. T. Christian, South Georgia Conference; W. H. Dodge, Pastor Presbyterian Church, Jacksonville; G. K. Allen, Pastor Baptist Church, Jacksonville.

J. Wofford Tucker made a brief address, setting forth the claims of the Quarterly Review, which was heartily endorsed by the Bishop.

D. Morton, D. D., Secretary of the Board of Church Extension, was introduced and addressed the Conference.

Dr. Potter presented the claims of the Wesleyan Female College.

E. F. Brown, local elder from the M. E. Church, having subscribed to our doctrines and discipline, and having assumed our ordination vows, was recognized as an Elder in the M. E. Church, South.

After various announcements, Conference adjourned.

THIRD DAY.

Conference convened at 9:30 A. M., C. A. Fulwood in the Chair, by appointment of the Bishop. Opened with religious services conducted by C. E. Dowman.

Minutes of yesterday's session read and approved. Additional delegate, reported from Live Oak.

The following resolution offered by T. W. Moore and C. E. Dowman, was adopted:

Resolved, That E L. T. Blake and J. W. Tucker be appointed delegates from this Conference, to convey our fraternal greetings to the Bishop and members of the Florida Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, now in session in this city.

Questions 16, 17, 18, 19, 20 were taken up. (See Minutes.)

At this point the Bishop arrived and took the chair.

S. B. Paine, Florida Conference M. E. Church, was introduced. C. C. McLean, fraternal delegate from the same, was introduced and read the following fraternal greeting to our Conference, concluding with a brief address full of fraternal sympathy and love:

To the Florida Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South:

DEAR BISHOP, FATHERS AND BRETHREN.—We, the Bishop and members of the Florida Conference of the M. E. Church, desire to extend to you our most fraternal greeting, together with our earnest prayer that the great Head of the Church may bless you in all of your deliberations and crown your work for the coming year with abundant success.

S. M. MERRILL, President.

S. B. DARNELL, Secretary.

Bishop Kavanaugh responded in a suitable manner.

The Committee appointed to draft a Constitution and By-laws for the Church Extension Society read their report, which was, on motion, adopted. (See Reports.)

Dr. Morton followed with some remarks on the subject.

Dr. Potter addressed the Conference in the interests of our Conference organ, the Wesleyan Christian Advocate.

A communication from J. E. Evans. D. D., commissioner of Paine Institute, Augusta, Ga., was read and referred to the Board of Education.

After various announcements, Conference adjourned.

FOURTH DAY.

Conference convened at 9:30 A. M., Bishop Kavanaugh in the chair.

Opened with religious service, were conducted by R. M. Tydings.

The Minutes of yesterday's session were read and approved.

The Report of Joint Board of Finance read, and, on motion, adopted. (See Reports.)

Board of Church Extension was appointed. (See Boards.)

T. J. Gattis, of the North Carolina Conference was introduced.

P. A. Murray was announced as a transfer from the South Carolina Conference.

Questions 1, 6, 16 were taken up. (See Minutes.)

On motion, J. W. Tucker, E. L. T. Blake, H. H. Kennedy were appointed a Commission to confer with the proper authorities of the M. E. Church with reference to our church property at St. Augustine, Fla., now held by the M. E. Church. Said Commission to act as soon as possible—at farthest by the next session of this Conference. Full power to be given to them and their action to be final in the premises.

At eleven A. M. Conference went into a consideration of the subject of Missions.

Several of the brethren explained their methods in raising Missionary Collections.

The following resolution offered by F. Pasco and J. P. DePass was adopted:

Resolved, That we take our Foreign Missionary collection early in the year.

Dr. McFcrrin addressed the Conference.

Dr. Potter presented the claims of the Anglo-Chinese University, Shanghai, China. A collection was taken for that object, amounting to \$376.00.

Minutes of the morning session read and approved.

After various announcements Conference adjourned.

FIFTH DAY.

Conference convened at 9.30 A. M., the Bishop in the Chair. Opened with religious service conducted by S. E. Phillips.

The Bishop presented a certificate announcing the ordination of deacons and elders yesterday. (See Minutes.)

Reports of Board of Education, Board for the Education of young Ministers, of Committees on Temperance, Sunday-school Books and Periodicals, and Bible cause, were read and adopted. (See Reports.)

On motion, subscriptions were taken for the publication of the Minutes. \$77.00 were raised.

The delegation to the late General Conference reported \$16.25 on hand after paying their expenses to Nashville. On motion, this amount was applied to publication of the Minutes.

T. S. Armistead, transfer from South Georgia Conference, was introduced.

A. V. Hiscock, Local Elder of the M. E. Church, was recognized as an Elder in our Church upon assuming our ordination vows and assenting to our doctrines and discipline.

J. P. DePass was appointed a member of the Auditing Committee of the accounts of the Wesleyan Christian Advocate.

J. L. Lyons, Agent of the American Bible Society, was introduced and addressed the Conference

The following resolution, offered by E. L. T. Blake and others, was adopted:

Resolved, That, recognizing in the Florida Methodist, published in this city, a faithful, earnest and effective auxiliary in all departments of Christian work, we heartily commend it to the confidence and patronage of the public.

Dr. Walden, Agent of the Western Book concern of the M. E. Church, was introduced.

The following resolution, offered by C. A. Fulwood and R. H. Barnett, was adopted:

Resolved, That in view of the multiplying and widening mission fields within our Conference Territory, and our inability to occupy them without additional aid from the Parent Board of Missions, that the Board be urged to increase the appropriation to Florida.

C. E. Dowman addressed the Conference in behalf of Emory College.

J. Atkins was appointed a commmittee to visit the Legislature, now in session, to urge the passing of a local option law, or the adoption of such measures as shall be most effectual in putting down the liquor traffic.

J. Atkins. T. Bishon and T. W. Moore were appointed a committee to prepare a plan and devise measures for a more thorough organization of those throughout the State who are interested in the temperance movement.

A resolution looking to the memorializing Congress to adopt measures for the cessation of Sunday travel by public conveyance, and of Sunday mails, was adopted.

A resolution of thanks to the citizens for their hospitality, to the churches for tendering the use of their houses of worship, to the railroads and steamboat companies for reduction in fare, and to the St. James, Carleton, St. Marks, Everett and Duval hotels for courtesies rendered, were adopted by a rising vote

Madison was selected as the place for the next session.

The Minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

After prayer by E. L. T. Blake, the 31st question was called. The Assistant Secretary, H. E. Partridge, read the appointments for 1883, after which Conference adjourned sine die, with the doxology and benediction by the Bishop.

MINUTES.

Question 1. Who are admitted on trial? Abner G. Baker, John H. D. McRae, Jas. Russell. C. Wesley Morrison, Wm. R. Reasonover, Malon H. Outland, Jas. G. Graham, Joseph F. Shand, John C. Pace, Aurelio Silvera, Thos. A. Branch.

Ques. 2. Who remain on trial? Emory J. Holmes, Wm. H. Steinmeyer, Samuel B. Black Edward F Ley, Olin A. Hiscock, Levi W. Moore, Robt. B. Bryan, Wilbur F. LeGette, Pleasant L. Smith.

Ques. 3. Who are discontinued? None.

Ques. 4. Who are admitted into full connection? None.

Ques. 5. Who are readmitted? Theophilus W. Moore, McKendree F. McCook.

Ques. 6. Who are received by transfer from other Conferences? John W. Hanner, Jr., T. S. Armistead, J. C. Smith, P. L. Smith, P. A. Murray.

Ques. 7. Who are the deacons of one year? Wm. Dunbar.

Ques. 8. What traveling preachers are elected deacons? Wilbur F. Le-Gette.

Ques. 9. What traveling preachers are ordained deacons? Wilbur F. Le-Gette.

Ques. 10. What local preachers are elected deacons? Jas. G. Graham. Ques. 11. What local preachers are ordained deacons? Jas. G. Graham, Elves D. Luter.

Ques. 12. What traveling preachers are elected elders? Emory J. Holmes, Frank R. Bridges, H. Summers Miller, Wm. H. Parker, Wm. S. Richardson, Thos. J. Nixon, Wm. O. Hampton.

Ques. 13. What traveling preachers are ordained elders? Emory J. Holmes, Frank R. Bridges, H. Summers Miller, Wm. H. Parker, Wm. S. Richardson, Thos. J. Nixon, Wm. O. Hampton.

Ques. 14. What local preachers are elected elders? Jehu Mizell, Joseph F. Shands, Robt. M. Ellzey.

Ques. 15. What local preachers are ordained elders? Jehu Mizell, Joseph F. Shands, Robert M. Ellzey.

Ques. 16. Who are located this year? John M. Hendry, M. M. Michau M. A. Philips.

Ques. 17. Who are supernumerary? Henry B. Someillan, E. F. Gates, O. W. Ransom, A. C. LeGette.

Ques. 18. Who are superannuated? D. W. Core, A. Johnson, J. Penny, S. Gardner.

Ques. 19. What preachers have died during the past year?* Thos. R. Barnet, Elias J. Hughes, Jas. A. Wiggins, Selwyn L. Smith, Henry B. Avery. (See memoirs.)

Ques. 20. Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration? † This was strictly attended to.

Ques. 21. What is the number of local preachers and members in the several circuits, stations, and missions of the Conference?* See statistical reports.

Ques. 22. How many infants have been baptized during the year? 586.

Ques. 23. How many adults have been baptized during the year? 316.

Ques. 24. What is the number of Sunday schools? 167.

Ques. 25. What is the number of Sunday-school teachers? 933.

Ques. 26. What is the number of Sunday school scholars? 5803.

Ques. 27. What amount is necessary for the superannuated preachers, and the widows and orphans of preachers? \$2,000.00

Ques. 28. What has been collected on the foregoing account, and how has it been applied? \$1,615.95, and distributed among claimants. (See Report of Joint Board of Finance.)

Ques. 29. What has been contributed for Missions? Domestic Missions, \$1,053.06; Foreign, \$1,700.00; Anglo Chinese University, \$376.00. Total, \$3,129.06.

Ques. 30. Where shall the next session of the Conference be held? Madison.

Ques. 31. Where are the preachers stationed this year? * (See Appointments.)

APPOINTMENTS FOR 1883.

Figures show the number of consecutive years the preacher has served the same work. Italies indicate the Elders.

TALLAHASSEE DISTRIC Tallahassee—H. H. Kennedy (2) Leon Ct.—W. S. Richardson (2) Monticello—T. W. Moore (1) Union Ct.—S. B. Black (1) Crawfordville Ct.—W. G. Booth (1) Greenville Ct.—C. W. Morrison (1) Waukeena Ct.—E. J. Holmes (1) Quincy—S. Woodbery (1) Little River Ct.—R. H. Howren (2)	Gadsden Ct.—A. A. Barnett (1) Liberty Miss.—To be supplied. Apalachicola and Canabelle—W. H. Watts (1) Perry Miss.—Supplied by J. S. Barnett (1) C. E. Dowman, (1) Professor Emory College, Oxford, Ga.
LIVE OAK DISTRICT— Madison—P. A. Murray (1) Madison Ct. T. J. Phillips (1) Troy Miss.—R. B. Bryan (1) Jasper Ct.—T J. Nixon (1) Welborn Ct.—W. T. LeGette (1) St. Mary's Miss.—W. O. Hampton (1) Lake Butler—J. H. D. McRae . (1)	-H. B. Frazee, (1) P. E. Ellaville and Belleville—J. G. Graham (1) Old Town Miss.—To be supplied. White Springs Ct.—W. H. F. Robarts (1) Live Oak Ct.—McK. F. McCook (1) Lake City—R. L. Honiker (1) Columbia Ct.—T. S. Armistead (1) Newnansville Ct.—T. W. Tomkies(1)
GAINESVILLE DISTRICT- Gainesville—F. Pasco	H. E. Partridge, (2) P. E. Key West—Cuban Mission—H. B. Someillan, Superuumerary (7) Marion Ct.—J. C. Pace (1) Anthony Place Ct.—R. M. Tydings (1) Withlacoochee Miss—W. R. Reasonover (1) Leesburg and Tallaha—J. W. Hanner, jr (1) Sumter Ct.—W. C. Collins (1) One to be supplied by E. D. Luter, (1) A. C. Le Gette, Supernumerary.
	T—C. A. Fulwood, (3) P. E. Volusia Mission—A. A. Presbrey. (1) Norwalk Mission—To be supplied. Altoona Ct—W. R. Johnson . (1) Taveres Mission—W. Williams . (1) Sanford—C. A. Saunders (1) Lake Jessup Ct—T. Bishop (1) Orlando Ct—A. Peeler (2) Apopka Ct—W. F. Norton (1) One to be supplied—O. W. Ransom Supernumerary. Kissimmee City Mission—P. L. Smith (1) Indian Mission—W. A. Simmons (1)

TAMPA DISTRICT—R. H. BARNETT. (1) P. E.

Tampa—J. J. Seally (1) Clear Water Ct—H S. Miller (1) Bartow Ct—W. C. Jourdan (1) Fort Meade Ct—C. E. Pelot (1) Alafia Ct—W. H. Parker (2) Fort Dade Ct—G W. Mitchell . (1) Brooksville Ct—J. F. Shands (1) Hernando Mission—W. Davies . (1) Panasoff see Mission—Supplied by J. R. Mays (1)	Manatee—F. R. Bridges (2) E. F. Gates. Supernumerary. Manatee Mission—To be supplied. Medura Mission—M. H. Outland. (1) Pine Level Ct—J. D. Rogers (1) Fort Ogden Ct—T. A. Branch . (2) Oak Hill Mission—Supplied by A. M. Samford (1) Caloosahatchie Misson—W. E. Collier (1)
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J. B. Johnstone transferred to North Georgia Conference.

COMMITTEES OF EXAMINATION AND THE CLASSES, 1883.

ON CANDIDATES FOR ADMISSION.

C. A. Fulwood, W. F. Norton, W. S. Richardson.

FIRST YEAR.

COMMITTEE.—S. E. Phillips, T. W. Tomkies, T. J. Nixon. Class—A. G. Baker, J. H. D. McRae, J. Russell, C. W. Morrison, William R. Reasonover, M. H. Outland, J. G. Graham, J. F. Shands, J. C. Pace, T. A. Branch, A. Silvera.

SECOND YEAR.

COMMITTEE.—H. E. Partridge, E. H. Harman, C. A. Saunders. Class—S. B. Black, R. B. Bryan. E. J. Holmes, W. H. Steinmeyer, E. F. Ley, O. A. Hiscock, L. W. Moore, P. L. Smith, W. F. LeGette.

THIRD YEAR.

COMMITTEE.—S. Woodbery, R. L. Honiker, T. Bishop.

FOURTH YEAR.

Committee.—E. L. T. Blake, H. H. Kennedy, A. A. Barnett. Class—W. Dunbar.

VISITING COMMITTEES.

To Emory College.—H. H. Kennedy, C. A. Saunders, W. N. Sheats.
To Wesleyan Female College.—E. H. Harman, J. Wofford Tucker,
T. W. Moore.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS CONTRIBUTING TO MISSIONS.

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3.	White Springs Circuit not on the roll 6	0	25
4.	Manatee*	7	25
5.	Union Circuit not on the roll 3	0	35
6.	Ocala*	6	11
7.	Tampa *	5	00
8.	Lake City†	4	30
9.	Live Oak Circuit* (19) 2	2	03
10.	Quincy†	0	84
11.	Sparks' Chapel†	0	21
12.	Leon Circuit not on the roll 2	0	15
13.	Fernandina not on the roll 2	0	00
14.	Gainesville not on the roll 1	5	40
15.	Wankeenah Circuit* (22) 1	3	75
16.	Madison†	1	00
17.	Crawfordville not on the roll 1	0	75
18.	Ocklawaha Circuit† (10) 1	0	40
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2).	Norwa k not on the roll	5	45
21.	Apalachicola* (23)	5	35
22.	Newnansville not on the roll	5	00
23.	Palatka and Green Covet (17)	3	00
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Figures in () show rank in 1881; *shows increase over 1881; †shows decrease.

APPORTIONMENT FOR 1883.

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Gainesville, .	450		1		1	00	500	00	65	00	87	00
Jacksonville,.	400	00	400	00	125	00	400	00	65	00	87	00
Tampa,	350	00	375	00	75	00	300	00	40	00	52	00
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ANNUAL REPORT OF STATISTICS FOR 1882.

PASTORAL CHARGES.	Local Preachers.	White Members.	Colored Members.	Removed, Died, etc.	Added on Profession.	With Certificate.	Infants Baptized.	Adults.	Sunday Schools.	Officers & Teachers.	Scholars.	Lesson Helps.	S. S. Papers taken.	Library Volumes.	Pupilsjoin'd Church	Church Papers taken.	Number Churches.	Value.	Parsonages.	Value.	Value of other Property.	·
TAMPA DISTRICT. Tampa	1 4 5 5 3 1	118 263 271 263 73 150		7 26 3 11	29 7 40 16	20	11 5 18 7 13		1 6 2 5 1	12	182 55 185	$\frac{25}{260}$	41	200 100 62	6		1 3 5 2	450 00	1	800 00	\$75 60 50 250	()0
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†Number of Church Papers not accurately reported by preachers.

ANNUAL REPORT OF FINANCES FOR 1882.

PASTORAL CHARGES.	Assessed—Pastor.	Paid—Pastor.	Assessed—P. E.	Paid P. E.	Assessed— Lishops.	Paid—Bishops.	Assessed— · Conf. Coll.	Paid— conf. Coll.	P'd to Educa- tion of young Preachers.	Raised for S. Schools.	Building, fur- nishing, etc.	Miscella- neous.
TALLAHASSEE DISTRICT. Tallahassee	\$ 900 00 \$ 100 00 800 00 800 00 175 00 400 00 200 00 100 00 150 00 150 00	900 00 \$ 500 00 800 00 217 15 75 25 300 75 196 00 241 00 412 10 70 20 62 50 250 15	150 00 \$ 100 00 150 00 50 00 65 00 50 00 50 00 50 00 50 00 50 00 50 00 50 00 50 00 50 00 50 00 50 00	114 50 5 75 00 137 50 8 00 30 00 37 50 17 95 5 70 10 00 24 05	\$ 9 00 7 00 9 00 6 00 4 00 5 00 6 00 5 00 1 00 1 00 2 00	10 00 \$ 10 50 10 50 7 00 4 25 3 25 7 75 6 25 1 25 1 00 2 20	85 00 \$ 60 00 85 00 25 00 10 00 30 00 25 00 25 00 10 00 10 00 10 00 5 00	85 00 74 05 85 60 18 65 3 00 13 00 26 00 10 00 25 00 8 60	15 05 19 00 7 10 50 7 00 5 55 2 00 8 00 2 00 2 00	31 95 10 35 7 00 11 65 3 50	107 00 102 94 25 65 53 00 16 10	49 50
Total	\$ 4 630 00 \$	4,125 10 \$	800 00 \$	*532 75	\$ 70 00 \$	70 20 \$	400 00 \$	352 85	\$ 89 10 \$	266 66 \$	885 39 \$	382 28
LIVE OAK DISTRICT. Live Oak Circuit	\$ 425 00 \$ 650 00 \$ 2200 00 250 00	249 21 \$ 438 28 386 90 122 31 175 00 101 34	75 00 \$ 50 00 95 00 85 00 25 00 30 00	43 97 8 38 70 64 50 25 00 12 50 12 16	3 00 7 00 3 00 2 00 2 00	6 25 \$ 4 00 7 00 3 00 2 00 2 50	35 00 \$ \$ 00 40 00 20 00 5 00 \$ \$	5 00	4 50 5 00 1 00	63 65 \$ 7 85 28 00 50 00 4 60 6 00	301 50 105 00 900 00 15 00 69 00	3 75
Old Town Mission. Lake City. Welborn Circuit. Columbia Circuit. Newnansville Circuit. Luke Butler Circuit. Benton and St. Mary's. Jasper Circuit. White Springs Circuit.	400 00 300 00 525 00 500 00 325 00 180 00 220 00	370 50 146 00 444 56 249 00 161 15 104 50 200 40 160 34	50 00 85 00 95 00 65 00 35 00 35 00 50 00	46 30 38 10 80 44 21 00 10 00 17 00 50 10 40 09	5 00 5 00 7 00 5 00 2 00 2 00 4 00 4 00	5 00 5 75 7 00 5 00 1 60 2 00 4 00 4 00	\$0 00 \$5 00 55 00 25 00 10 00 10 00 \$0 00 \$0 00	30 00 15 00 40 00 12 00 5 00 4 00 50 00 50 35	5 50 12 00 7 50 6 0) 2 25	25 00 38 50 25 50	$\begin{array}{c} 27 & 00 \\ 400 & 00 \\ 350 & 00 \\ \end{array} \dots$	50 45 3 50 4 0) 3 00 1 00 52 00
Total	\$ 4,970 00.\$	3,809 49 \$	775 00.\$	499 88	60 00 8	60 00 \$	400 (.0,\$	294 45.	\$ 53 25,\$	274 85 \$	2,535 00 \$	179 02

ANNUAL REPORT OF FINANCE FOR 1882.

	Assessed— Pastor.	Paid— Pastor.	Assessed	Paid P. E.	Assessed—Bishops.	Paid—Bishops	Assessed— Conf. Coll	Paid— Conf. Coll	P'd to Educa- tion of Young Preachers.	Raised for S. Schools.	Building, Furnishing. etc.	Miscellan- eous
GAINESVILLE DISTRICT. Gainesville Starke and Waldo. Hawthorne Circuit. Micanopy Circuit Archer Circuit. Bronson and Cedar Key Levy Mission Jeala Marion Circuit. Ocklawaha Circuit Moss Bluff Mission. Ft. Mason Circuit Leesburg and Yalaha Sumter Circuit Key West, Ist Charge Sparks Chapel	\$300 00 275 00 -05 00 600 60 300 00 \$100 00 425 00 325 00 100 00 400 00 500 00 475 00 600 60	\$313 00 126 81 372 00 500 00 140 50 240 75 60 00 703 00 307 73 263 00 82 00 304 41 293 15 431 18 688 25 616 00	\$70 00 50 00 60 00 75 00 75 00 20 00 100 00 45 00 25 00 25 00 76 00 77 00 60 00	\$70 00 37 50 55 00 75 00 20 00 48 25 10 80 100 00 32 12 32 00 40 00 48 85 73 41 70 00 60 00	\$4 00 4 00 4 00 5 00 3 00 2 00 4 00 5 00 4 00 5 00 4 00 5 00 4 00 4	\$\$ 00 4 00 4 00 5 00 3 00 1 00 5 00 3 00 2 00 4 00 5 00 4 00 5 00 4 00 7 00 4 00	\$40 00 25 00 40 00 35 00 30 00 25 00 50 00 25 00 25 00 40 00 40 00 40 00 50 00		7 50 6 00 7 60 7 50 1 00 75 4 00 8 05	9 00 8 50 17 20 16 00 19 40 10 (0 10 00 37 00 35 00 107 78	144 00 18 50 95 00 23 50 170 00	‡60 00
Total	6,592 00	5,441 78	955 00	788 93	60 00	64 00	500 00	377 80	57 96	400 89	3,595 67	994 90
JACKSONVILLE DISTRICT, Jacksonville LaVilla. Duval Mission Fernandina Nassau Circuit Mandarin Circuit Palatka and Green Cove St. Augustine Mission Fruitland Circuit New Smyrna Mission Norwalk Mission Sanford and E. Chapel, Lake Jessup Circuit Apopka Circuit Orlando, Kissimmee Mission. Indiau River Mission.	\$\$00 00 300 00 720 00 \$350	\$754 29 159 18 701 00 20.3 82 75 60 312 99 76 00 448 44 35 75 98 90 400 00 203 60 559 93 422 00 251 00 167 5	\$110 00 40 00 20 00 15 00 60 09 20 00 15 00 15 00 15 00 50 00 40 00 50 00 30 00	\$105 00 22 82 4 50 50 00 30 32 13 60 38 63 16 13 60 00 10 00 18 33 50 00 25 62 10 50 00 30 00	\$15 00 5 00 7 00 3 00 4 00 5 00 2 00 3 00 2 00 2 00 3 00 2 00 3 00 3	\$15 00 5 00 7 00 2 10 4 00 5 00 - 2 00 1 00 2 00 1 00 2 00 4 75 8 00 3 00 2 00 2 00 0	\$75 00 30 00 25 00 20 00 50 00 10 00 25 00 25 00 20 00 25 00 20 00 20 00 31 00 25 00	30 (0 5 00 20 00 42 25 2 50 24 70 3 40 25 00 5 00 34 85 12 09	5 00 2 00 2 00 5 00 3 00 1 00 2 00 5 00 5 00 3 00 2 00	1 5°) 21 00 40 00 82 73 1 5°) 21 00 40 00 86 16 16 35 15 00	74 80 300 00 60 00 261 00 90 00 843 69 1,850 00	163 35 7 00 4 00 30 7 00 30 00 103 00 35 85 2 00 2 00

With board. Paid to Emory College, Starke and Waldo, \$11.56; Citra Church, Micanopy Circuit, \$50.00; Ocala, 56.00. †First charge, Key West for the poor, \$104.93.

TAMPA DISTRICT. Tampa Bartow Circuit	340 00 275 00 200 00 200 00 400 00 2 160 00	390 20 340 00 266 45 106 00	60 00 \$ 60 00 40 00 40 00 25 00 55 00 40 00 40 00		7 00 \$ 4 00 3 00 4 00 4 00 3 00 4 00 3 00		33 00 30 00 24 00	33 40 23 40 25 75 5 00	4 00 7 40 6 00 2 00 5 10	38 00 16 00 26 00 25 00 12 00	35 00 300 00 21 30 400 00	\$ 4 00 2 00 5 00 5 1 42
© Clear Water Circuit. Pine Level Circuit. Fort Ogden Mission. Oak Hill Mission.	260 00 131 00	260 00 131 00	40 00 16 00	40 00	3 00	3 00 1 00	20 00	23 00 19 30	5 25 1 00			
Total	\$ 3,016 00	\$ 2,838 85 \$	401 00 \$	382 10 \$	50 00 \$	34 40 \$	300 00	215 35	\$ 51 25	\$ 135 00	\$ 5,506 30	\$ 62 42

RECAPITULATION.

Tallahassee District	4,970 00 6,592 00 5,876 00	\$ 4,125 00 3,309 49 5,441 78 4,870 02 2,838 85	\$ 800 00 \$ 775 00 955 00 630 00 401 00	532 75 \$499 88 788 93 587 10 382 10	70 00 8 60 00 60 00 60 00 50 00	\$ 70 20 \$ 60 00 64 00 62 85 34 40	\$ 400 00 \$ 400 00 500 00 400 00 300 00	352 85 \$ 294 45 377 80 353 70 215 35	89 10 53 25 57 96 50 00 51 25	\$ 266 66 274 85 400 89 490 76 135 00	\$ 885 35 \$ 2,535 00 3,595 67 3,484 49 5,506 30	382 25 179 02 994 90 573 71 62 42
Total	25,084 00	20,585 14	3,561 00	2,790 76	300 00	291 45	2,000 00	1,594 15	301 56	1,568 16	16,006 81	2,192 30
Increase	2,764 00	2,567 61	353 00	51 13	50 00	31 93		77 08		610 58	9,249 14	*******
Decrease									79 08			228 65

With Board.

OUR MISSIONARY RECORD FOR 1882.

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PASTORAL CHARGES.	Paid Domestic Missions. Paid Foreign Missions. Excess over Assessment.	Deficiency. Advance over 1881.	Auxiliaries. Members. Amounts Amounts from '' Juveniles.'' Total.	Total Raised in the Charge. Average per Member. Advocate of Missions Taken. W. M. Advocates.
Tallahassee,	$ \begin{array}{c ccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	\$ 55 00 51 00 * 48 75 23 00 \$ 29 90 13 35 * 23 00 * 29 90 14 30 12 30 \$ 90 14 30 12 30 \$ 98 50	1 28 \$23 00	$ \begin{array}{c ccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$
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Jacksonville District. Jacksonville	15 00 25 00 5 00 10 10 10 00 16 00 15 00 23 00 15 00 23 00 10 00 5 00 7 81 15 23 5 00 5 00 20 00 20 00 5 00 5 00 30 74 43 45 11 00 15 00 10 00 25 00	6 78	* 15 00 1 22 21 65 15 10 10 00	\$ 36 76 21 65 21 65 11 90 33 50 9 57 47 81 18 61 9 57 170 13	\$ 152 76 1 01 12 31 78 40

||Assessment paid in full

OUR MISSIONARY RECORD FOR 1882-Continued.

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PASTORAL CHARGES.	Paid Domestic Missions. Paid Foreign Missions.	Excess over Assessment.	Deficiency.	Advance over 18	Auxiliaries.	Members. Amount Raised.	Amount from "Juveniles."	Total.	Total Raised in the Charge.	Average per Member. Advocates of Missions Taken. W. M. Advocates.
Tampa DISTRICT. Tampa	21 40 38 15 00 22 16 50 31 3 2 00 2 16 00 47 5 15 00 10 12 16 00 18 18 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10	9 85 00	8 00 31 00 19 00 12 00	10 85 4 00 1 60 44 58 * * 24 00	2	39 \$ 7 18 37 \$21 50 76 \$28 6		\$ 7 15 21 50 \$28 65	\$ 90 00 67 30 37 00 21 05 4 00 3 60 84 75 25 00 22 30 34 00 34 50 	25 5 13
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^{*}Falling off from 1881. †Approximate.

MISSIONARY TREASURER'S REPORT.

F. Pasco, Treasurer, in Account with Board of Missions, Florida Conference, for the year 1882.

DR.

Jan. 23d, 1882.	Balance in Treasury, .	•		 . \$953	69	
Received from W	. C. Jourdan			 . 25	00-8	978 68

CR.

"S. E. Phillips, Live Oak District,	L	Amount paid	C. E. Dowman, Tallahassee District, \$ 227 50		
" C. A. Fulwood, Jacksonville District, 62 50 " W. C. Jourdan, Tampa District, 37 50 " For Express charges, Postage, etc., 3 44		66 -	S. E. Phillips, Live Oak District, 437 50		
" C. A. Fulwood, Jacksonville District, 62 50 " W. C. Jourdan, Tampa District, 37 50 " For Express charges, Postage, etc., 3 44		6.	H. E. Partridge, Gainesville District, 187 50		
W. C. Jourdan, Tampa District, 37 50 For Express charges, Postage, etc., 344		66	C. A. Fulwood, Jacksonville District, 62 50		
For Express charges, 1 ostage, etc.,		66	W. C. Jourdan, Tampa District, 37 50		
		6.6	For Express charges, Postage, etc., 3 44		
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DR.

Jan. 3d, 1883.	Balance in Treasury, From C. E. Dowman,	10 74 21 75
6.6	To amount from Tallahassee District,	
66	" Live Oak District, .	
6 6	" Gainesville District,	
6.6	" Jacksonville District,	223 33
66	" Tampa District,	
Jan. 6th, 1883.	"Anniversary collection,	

CR.

By amount paid to Tallahassee District—Draft of first quarter,	87	50
quarter,		50
By amount paid to Tampa District—Draft of first quarter,	125	00
Amount of Exchange to Nashville,	2	40
Postage and Registration fees,		28
Discount on Foreign money		
Balance in Treasury, Jan. 8th, 1883,		

F. Pasco, Treasurer Board of Missions Florida Conference, in Account with Parent Board of Missions.

DR.

To amount rec	ived from Tallahassee District, \$ 441 15
" rec	ived from Tallahassee District, 278 95
" rec	ived from Tallahassee District, 433 45
	eived from Tallahasse District, 293 78
	ived from Tallahassee District, 235 65
	eived from Anniversary Collection, 16 50
	eived from donation,
" rec	ived for Anglo-Chinese University, cash, 366 00
	scriptions, 10 00—\$2,076 00

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By amount forwarded to D. C. Kelly, Treasurer, 2,051 for Anglo-Chinese University by	00	
" for Anglo-Chinese University by		
T. J. Nixon,	00-\$2,066 00	ŀ
On hand in subscriptions.	10 00)

APPROPRIATIONS

BY THE CONFERENCE BOARD OF MISSIONS FOR 1883.

TALLAHASSEE DISTRICT.

Quincy	•	•		•	•			•	•	•	•	•	•	•		•			. \$	200 00
Crawfordville	٠	•	•	٠	•	•	•		•	•	•	٠	٠	•	•	٠	•	•	•	100 00
Liberty	•		•	٠	٠	٠	٠	٠	٠	٠	٠	۵	4.	٠	•	٠	•	•	•	50 00—\$ 350 00

LIVE OAK DISTRICT.

Old Town		•	•	•				• .		6					. \$	50	00		
Troy	•					•	•		٠	٠			•	•		100	00		
Lake Butler.		•	•		0			•	•			•	•		•	100	00-\$	250	00

TAMPA DISTRICT.

	 	22222		
Bartow				
Fort Meade	 		50	00
Hernando	 		100	00
Pine Level	 		100	00
Panasoffkee	 		50	00
Caloosahatchie	 		100	00
				
Total	 		\$ 500	00-\$1100 00

RECAPITULATION.

Tallahassee District									. \$	350	00	
Live Oak District.	•	•			•	•	•	•		250	00	
Tampa District										500	00\$1100	00

APPROPRIATIONS

BY THE PARENT BOARD OF MISSIONS FOR 1883.

TALLAHASSEE DISTRICT.

Apalachicola	and	Ca	nal	oell	е.				•					. \$	150	00		
Perry			•	•			•	•		•	•	•	•	•	50	00-\$	200	00

LIVE OAK DISTRICT.

Presiding Elder.		•	•									•	. \$	100	00		
Lake City							_		_		_	_		150	00		
St. Mary's	 ,	•		•		•	•	•		•				50	00-\$	300	00

GAINESVILLE DISTRICT.
Gainesville \$ 100 00 Starke and Waldo 100 00 Archer 100 00 Bronson and Cedar Key 150 00 Levy 150 00 Withlacoochee 50 00—\$ 650 00
JACKSONVILLE DISTRICT.
Presiding Elder \$ 100 00 La Villa 100 00 Nassau 50 00 Mandarin 50 00 Palatka and Green Cove 100 00 St. Augustine 100 00 Volusia 75 00 Norwalk 50 00 Tavares 75 00 Indian River 50 00—\$ 750 00
TAMPA DISTRICT.
Presiding Elder
Total
RECAPITULATION.
Tallahassee District \$ 200 00 Live Oak District 300 00 Gainesville District 650 00 Jacksonville District 750 00 Tampa District 100 00—\$2000 0
REPORTS.
REPORT ON JOINT BOARD OF FINANCE.
Dr. Cr.
To amounts received for Bishops from several charges \$290 45 By amount paid Bishop Kavanaugh \$286 4 By amount demitted Bishop Kavannah after Conference 4 0
Balance
Dr.
FOR CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS:
To amounts from several charges
\$1,655 9

$\mathbf{C}_{\mathbf{R}}$.		
By amounts to claimants as follows:		
Mrs. J. W. Rhodes		
Mrs. D. L. Kennedy 68 00		
Mrs. J. J. Richards 68 00		
Mrs. G. Bright		
Mrs. T. Taylor 68 00		
Mrs. T. H. Capers		
Mrs. E. J. Knight 68 00		
Mrs. S. Gardner		
Mrs. T. W. Cooper		
Mrs. E. B. Duncan		
Mrs. G. C. Leavel		
Mrs. S. A. McCook		
Mrs. J. M. Stokes		
Mrs. J. Munden		
Mrs. O. Eady		
Mrs. J. A. Wiggins		
Rev. A. Johnson		
Rev. J. Penny		
Rev. D. W. Core		
Stationery		
Amount on hand received after Conference 30 00		
mount on name received after Conference	\$1 04F	05
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REPORT OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD.

HENRX W. LONG, Secretary-

The Sunday School Board beg leave to submit the following report: We have, as far as possible, considered the various interests of the Sunday School. We find that much faithful work has been done; but we also find that there remains much yet to be done in this important branch of Church work. As a Conference, we have not reached that proficiency in this work that the cause requires.

In some places the Sunday Schools are successfully conducted; in others the Sunday Schools are too formal—doing little more than merely existing;

while yet in some places we find that there are no Sunday Schools.

The Sunday School has now become indispensable to the success of the Church, and much that was formerly accomplished by other methods must now be done by the Sunday School, or remain undone. It is necessary for the Church to instruct and train the minds of the rising generation. This work must be begun early, and be regular and thorough, or else the Church will lose its hold upon the children.

The greatest obstacle in the way of our success is the want of competent superintendents and teachers. We would call the attention of the Conference to this matter. The Sunday School must be made interesting to the children, and this cannot be done without competent and interested workers, and we

must make greater efforts in this direction.

Resolved, 1. That Sunday Schools be organized, if possible, in every society within the bounds of our Conference.

2. That our literature be used in all our schools; and that all our schools use the form of conducting the Sunday Schools recommended by our Sunday

School Editor, so that there may be uniformity.

3. That our preachers preach on the subject of Sunday Schools at all the appointments in February, and that they have a service for the children at least once a quarter at the morning service.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

The Board of Education beg leave to report that it has examined the communications referred to it, and find in them cause for grateful rejoicing, and

a profounder sense of obligation and responsibility.

In Emory College, we have an institution of Christian learning, which has the prestige of a noble history, good buildings, organization, equipment of apparatus and library and endowment. It is under the conduct and care of one of the most active, accomplished, progressive and popular of College Presidents, Rev. Dr. Haygood, assisted by a large and admirably selected Faculty. It has now a multitude of students. It has been constantly enlarging its capacity for high and thorough work, and its scope of usefulness. It is dominated by pure and wholesome religious influences, as evidenced in part by the recent gracious revival among its students. God has lately blessed it in the liberality of a large-hearted and wearthy Christian, not of our own communion. It is at work; hard, and wisely, and successfully at work. An indifferent observer might think that nothing more could be hoped for or desired. Yet the President writes to us (and those most interested talk of it) as if all this were but a beginning. We have sufficient intelligence and enterprise to agree with them that it ought to be such. If it has passed the day of small things, it is capable of yet larger growth and influence. Particularly has it a greater work to do for the young men of our own State and Conference territory. Rcv. C. E. Dowman, one of the most highly esteemed and influential members of our Conference, now occupies a chair in the Faculty of Emory College. This awakens in us a new realization of our identification with its interests and work. It is gratifying to hear that our brother is making his influence felt for good in his new sphere, and fully justifying his selection by the Board of Trustees.

What we have said of Emory as to its management, organization, equipment and success, is substantially true of the Wesleyan Female College, at Macon, Georgia. Through the munificence of the same Christian benefactor it has been provided with a magnificent building, which, though some additional money is unexpectedly needed thereto, will, we are assured, soon be brought to completion. The endowment of two important chairs, and improvement of library, apparatus, furniture and grounds, have been secured to it from the same kind hand and purse. The report of the Visiting Committee from the three patronizing Conferences ought to inspire us with renewed confidence and zeal. After its long and illustrious career of the past, it, too, seems to be entering upon a new era of still more abundant usefulness. Dr. Bass sends us his report in words which show broad and high ambition, courageous and prayerful purpose to make the College one of

the richest fountains of pure Christian culture in the land.

These two great institutions of learning are the only ones under the care of our Conference. There may be need of local Church schools tributary to

these. Steps in this direction have already been taken.

What is needed to promote the interests of these Colleges is obvious—too much so to require much elaboration in this report. We must be liberal in contributing our means to their support and enlargement. We must see to it that the sons and daughters of our people avail themselves of their benefits. We must think, and feel, and speak of them as part and portion of our Church work. Above all we must strive to promote higher and broader views and intenser interest in Christian education, "exhorting one another daily, and so much the more as we see the day approaching."

Rev. James E. Evans, D.D., our Commissioner of Education for the colored people, and Rev. Morgan Calloway, D.D., President of Paine Institute, Augusta, Georgia, represent a cause formerly undertaken by our General Conference, and commending itself to our hearty sympathy and encouragement. In accordance with the spirit of its past history, our Church formally pledges itself to the education of the colored people and ministry, so far as it is able to contribute to that end. This is emphatically our work.

We have felt straitened in heart and soul under the circumstances which have debarred us from it. We recommend the passage of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That we rejoice in the prosperity and prospects of Emory College, and commend it to our people as eminently deserving their confi-

dence and support.

Resolved, That we are glad to be able to furnish the Faculty of said College with so good a representative of Florida Methodism, and request the appointment of Rev. C. E. Dowman to the professorship which he now holds by election of the Board of Trustees.

Resolved, That we hear with joy of the good work and success of Wesleyan

Female College, and heartily commend it to patronage.

Resolved, That we be peak for Rev. Drs. Evans and Calloway the sympathy and co-operation of the Florida Methodists in their noble and needed work.

Resolved, That we humbly and thankfully implore the blessing of God upon these institutions and their teachers and students, and will diligently labor to promote the cause of Christian education as represented by them.

Respectfully submitted,

E. L. T. BLAKE, Chairman.

REPORT ON BOOKS AND PERIODICALS.

The committee to whom was referred the subject of Books and Periodicals have given some attention to those matters more especially brought to their notice, the first, and perhaps the most important of which, was the Annual Report of the Book Agent, Rev. J. B. McFerrin, formulating and exhibiting the main facts connected with the current business operations of our connectional Publishing House for the quadrennium closing June, 1882.

It must be matter of high gratification, and of thanksgiving, to our church at large, that out of the darkness of doubt and depression, and of almost chaotic confusion, which enveloped our Book Concern five years ago, it has been, by patient labor, and business skill, and tireless energy, and faith in the church, and faith in God, now brought up to a hopeful, and healthful, and prosperous condition, requiring now, as the venerable Agent has suggested, only faithful management by its officers, and liberal and systematic patronage by the church, to accomplish all the great purposes predicable of such an agency.

We sincerely congratulate the Agent and the Business Managers, and the

Book Committee, upon these auspicious results.

Your Committee are gratified to believe that the membership of our church are becoming more and more, a reading people, and, consequently, a better informed people on the many important subjects which are, first and last, almost exhaustively discussed in the daily and weeky newspaper press. It behooves us greatly to look after the newspaper which goes into the family circle, and silently writes its potent teachings upon mind and heart. If the paper be religious, and wise, and well furnished, it becomes an evangelist, "warning every man and teaching every man in all wisdom," and delivers its forces in the name of the Master. But if the paper be false and vicious, it becomes a faithful ally of the wicked one, and sows only tares in the wheat fields.

We may be permitted to indulge some innocent boast as to the number, and value of the religious newspapers in our branch of the church. Almost-every Annual Conference in our extended field has its local religious news paper. Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Tennessee, Alabama, Louisiana, Arkansas, Texas, Kentucky, Missouri,

Colorado, and we know not how many more Conferences have one or more religious papers in full and successful operation, constituting, as they collectively do, an army of Advocates, right nobly fighting the battle for truth, and for the glorious disenthralment of humanity from the shackles of error and sin.

If we could at once extinguish all these planetary lights in order to magnify the central luminary at Nashville, we should sadly fail, and only leave a vast tract of churches in chilling darkness. We need—the Church needs, every one of these silent, potent, sanctified agencies to help work out the conquest of the word for Christ.

This great influence is occasionally discounted a little when these journals in a fretful, or jealous moment, turn their forces against each other; for human nature will sometimes crop out; but these antagonisms are as much to be regretted as we regret alienations among Christian men.

The Wesleyan Christian Advocate, successor to, or continuation of the old Southern Christian Advocate, has long been a familiar and cherished visitor to our Christian households. This religious journal has been edited with signal ability, and, we are happy to say, never with more prudence, judgment and good effect than under the editorial administration of its present distinguished chief supervisor. Dr. Potter will be rewarded by the cordial appreciation and support of the Church.

There is one view of our relations to the Wesleyan which will, if not rudely disturbed, continue to make our patronage proper in itself and grateful in its results. That journal is to us at once the medium and representative of those two cherished Institutions of learning—Emory College and the Wesleyan Female College, where we do, and where we shall send our sons and our daughters to be educated.

We take this occasion to recommend, 1st, that our people give a liberal support to the Wesleyan Christian Advocate, and 2d, that this Conference, following the example of the North Georgia and South Georgia Conferences, relinquish to the Wesleyan for the support of that paper, the small dividend payable as heretofore, to this Conference, out of the annual profits after the payment of current expenses.

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We note, in passing, that since the last session of this Conference, another paper, the latest born of the Methodist family, has been established in Jacksonville, by the name of the Florida Methodist, which has something over 1,000 subscribers. It, too, has been consecrated to the cause of Christ and the Church, and seems to be filling its appointed place among the lakes and rivers and by-ways of advancing colonization. We are informed that this modest religious journal of growing interest asks only for our good will.

Your committee would respectfully emphasize the acknowledged duty of the M. E. Church, South, by all her Conferences, and all her members, to support by a conscientious and systematic patronage our connectional publications. The Nashville Christion Advocate deserves a subscription list of 50,000; the Quarterly Review ought to have 5,000, and our admirable Sunday School issues ought to fly with million wings, and speak with million voices to the children of the church.

Our Dr. Fitzgerald gives to the church a weekly journal of twenty pages which is an honor to our communion. It is worth fifty times its cost.

Dr. Hinton, editor of our *Quarterly Review*, will not fail, if adequately sustained, to give the church a publication, set for the defense of the truth, to build up our faith on the old foundations.

In sustaining these publications we shall most effectually strengthen the unity and life forces of the M. E. Church, South.

By order of the Committee, J. WOFFORD TUCKER, Chairman.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Your Committee on Temperance beg leave to say that they are gratified by the evidence that there is now a deeper sense in the public mind of the great evils of intemperance than at any former period of our history.

And if it is the work of the Church to oppose and put down all manner of evil, should not her strength and energy be put forth in proportion to the

magnitude of the evil to be suppressed?

That intemperance is by far the greatest evil that now degrades, and deeply curses our fallen and sin-blinded race, no man doubts who has given the subject any attention. And we should not content ourselves with merely bearing verbal testimony against this greatest of evils, but should devise and carry out in a Christian spirit the best possible means to aid our fellow men in recovering themselves from this snare of the devil, and to prevent others from being led captive by him at his will in this matter, as is the case in moderate drinking, to which may be traced all the evils of intemperance, as a stream may be traced to its fountain or head spring. When a boy is allowed, by moderate drinking, to acquire a love for intoxicating drinks, the foundation is laid for his ruin; for when the appetite is once formed and intensified by indulgence, there are but few who can ever be persuaded to give it up, and we are reminded by their history of the strong language of Holy Writ—"Can the Ethiopian change his skin, or the leopard his spots; then may ye also do good who are accustomed to do evil." We are deeply under the impression that about the only hope of a lasting reformation of an intemperate man is in his thorough regeneration by the spirit of God, and would therefore direct all such to that blood which cleanseth from all sin, and to that power by which we are created anew in Christ Jesus, when old things pass away and all things become new.

It has been ascertained that ninety per cent. of all the murders committed in the United States of America, are traceable to the sale and use of intoxicating drinks; which proves, beyond the probability of doubt, that it prepares men to commit murder, which is the highest crime known to the laws of God or man, and therefore on the principle of protecting human life the sale of it should not be authorized by law, but prohibited by decided legislative enactments, sustained by an enlightened public sentiment; for the object of all law and good government is to protect the citizen in his life, property and pursuit of happiness, to suppress vice of all kinds, to encourage and

promote morality and good order.

If we add to the fearful list of murders caused by intemperance, the tens of thousands who die every year from the use of it in all parts of this broad land, and think of the many lofty intellects laid in ruin by it, and of the widowhood and orphanage produced by it and left in deepest poverty and suffering, and of the pauperism and insanity caused by it, and worse than all, the moral blight that rests upon all its unfortunate victims, we have a picture of evil that is absolutely appalling enough to make an angel weep—"if tears in heaven are shed."

The object of raising a committee on this subject; the object of preaching sermons upon it; the object of all temperance organizations from the first to the last, with all legislation as far as it has gone, has been to abate this

blighting curse, which hangs upon the race as a pall of death.

How we honor in our hearts those States and Legislatures who in the face of this dragon of death and his red-eyed hosts, with their golden bribes, had the courage to pass prohibitory laws, thus wounding the monster and sending him howling back to his native hell! Let us hope that the State of Florida now has such a Legislature in session at her capitol—for this question is bound to go before them. And as this greatest of evils to society can never entirely be removed except by prohibitory laws in connection with the moral teachings on the subject, therefore—

Resolved, 1, By the Florida Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, that we most respectfully and earnestly petition the Leg-

islature of the State of Florida, now in session, to pass what is known as the Local Option Law, or such other measures as in their judgment will be most effectual in putting down this destructive evil.

2. That our Secretary be requested to forward to the Legislature, at an early day, this, our petition, and that we will appoint a member of this body

to visit the Legislature in this interest.

3. That in order to awaken a deeper and more general interest on this subject, we pledge ourselves to preach at least one sermon on the subject to

each of our congregations during this year.

4. That this Conference appoint a Central Committee of three to prepare a plan and devise means and carry out the same for organizing a general temperance movement throughout the bounds of the State, and that said committee be directed to inaugurate at once, and continue persistently, a compaign against intemperance.

J. ATKINS,

Chairman Temperance Committee.

BIBLE CAUSE.

The members of your Committee on the Bible Cause recognize the vast importance of treating patiently and intelligently the subject given them for

investigation.

There is but one agency, more potent for good than the publication and distribution of God's word, and that is the preaching of its sublime and comforting truths. But as this agency will often fail for lack of opportunity, the desired end may be gained by carrying, or sending, the blessed Bible to hungry, famishing souls.

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To the young, it is the only safe guide along life's flowery, but deceptive paths. To the old, it is the only book which discloses the fact of an immortal existence beyond the tomb. The dying child of God throws either the natural eye, or that of memory on its sacred pages, and the valley of death

becomes luminous with revelations which are heavenly.

The sword of the Spirit is the word of God, and no one, however little or low, wielding this sword can fail of conquest. Its relation to all other books is the same as that of the sun to the planetary system in which he moves. Just as no moon, or planet, could send a ray of light on the earth in the absence of the natural sun, so all other volumes would be enshrouded in the gloom of perpetual uncertainty, but for the revelation of God's word.

A book is and can only be grand in proportion to the grandeur of the mind that wrote it. God being the Author of the Bible it would require the light and duration of eternity to reveal the full extent of its preciousness and

blessedness.

Your committee recommend that the members of this Conference render prompt and constant aid to all so far as they can, who are engaged in the blessed work of distributing the Holy Bible among the people; recognizing the American Bible Society as an institution worthy of universal patronage.

Respectfully submitted,

W. C. COLLINS, R. H. HOWREN, H. S. MILLER, D. L. BRANNING, Committee.

MEMOIRS.

REV. E. J. KNIGHT

Was born in Georgia, passed the larger portion of his life in Florida, en tered the Florida Conference December, 1867, was superannuated at the session of 1880, and died in Hernando county, on the 7th of last June.

During the thirteen years of his effective ministry he served seven circuits.

That service was earnest, hearty, untiring. It is a pity he gave so few of the years of his long life to the work of God; but it is pleasant to call to mind how much he accomplished for the cause of Christ and the good of souls during that short period. His success as a preacher was remarkable. Through his instrumentality four hundred and fifty were added to the church in Leon circuit, two hundred and fifty in Crawfordsville circuit, two hundred in Jasper circuit, one hundred and fifty in Union circuit, three hundred in Wellborn circit, and his labors yielded a large increase in Wakulla circuit.

These figures were furnished me by a member of this Conference, who is a spiritual son of our sainted brother, and who has himself turned many to righteousness. When we consider that our brother's mind was hardly up to the average, that his stock of knowledge was scanty, and that up to the time of his conversion he had been one of the roughest and most daring of sinners, these large figures fill us with wonder, and remind us of the inspired declarations: "Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith the

Lord.'

Brother Knight's health began to fail while he was on Lake Butler circuit, and while traveling Mosely Hall circuit the following year, he was uuable to meet the demands of the work. He was superannuated at the Conference held in Ocala, and died in Hernando county, on the 7th of last June.

He suffered long, and at times severely, but his mind was undisturbed by doubt or fear, and he magnified the grace of God as greatly by his meek submission and cheerful trust in the season of weakness and pain, as he had done in the years he went in and out, strong to labor. He died praising God.

REV. JAMES A. WIGGINS.

Was born in Georgia, and died at his home in the vicinity of Live Oak, in

this State, last July, in the 70th year of his age.

In early manhood Brother Wiggins entered the Georgia Conference, and for a number of consecutive years labored with zeal and success. During his connection with that body he served the most important charges. He began his itinerant career under bright auspices. His talents were of a high order, and he occupied a place of honor among the most gifted preachers of his Conference. His splendid endowments were consecrated to the service of Christ, and wherever he preached souls were converted, and the church He was a chosen instrument, called and qualified to preach the edified. everlasting Gospel.

A long life of usefulness and honor stretched out before him, inviting him to earnest work, and filling his soul with noble aspirations. Satan desired to have him that he might sift him as wheat. His faith failed. Darkness settled down upon his spirit. We pass over in silence those long years when the Bible was unopened and prayer was restrained, and God was forgotten

and talents were preverted.

In the year 1868, under the wise and tender treatment of the Rev. T. W. Moore, at that time presiding elder of the church at Ocala, Brother Wiggins was restored to the church and to the ministry.

He entered the Florida Conference in 1869. After a successful year on Waukeenah circuit, he was assigned to the Live Oak district, and at the expiration of the full term of service, he was appointed to the Tallahassee district.

In the palmy days of his ministry he never labored with greater zeal and assiduity than while he served the church as presiding elder. He performed all the duties of that responsible and laborious office with energy and discretion.

He was preaching at Madison during a quarterly meeting, when the hand of God touched him. He paused, and tried to resume the train of thought he was pursuing, but the power of language failed him, and that sermon, thus abruptly interrupted, remained unfinished; nor was he ever able to preach again. The ten remaining years of his life were marked by child-like trust, meek submission and deep religious enjoyment. The mortal seizure was as sudden as the first attack. In a few hours he was not, for God took him.

REV. H. B. AVERY.

Was born and brought up in Gibson county, Tenn., and died in Jackson-ville, on the first day of last November.

He was a member of the Memphis and California Conferences about twenty years. The two last years of his life were spent in the Florida Conference.

He came to us with a fine reputation for piety, ability and industry, and he completely maintained his reputation. He loved to work for Jesus, and if he could work at all he worked with all his might. He never availed himself of weakness and pain as an excuse for failing to perform duty. It was only when utterly disabled by disease that he did not fill his pulpit or meet the other obligations of his sacred calling. He endured hardness quite to the extent of his strength and even beyond it. Preaching was his special delight. He was always willing and ready to preach. His sermons were prepared with great care and pains taking, and much prayer. His mind was always in sympathy with his subject, and he spoke out of the abundance of the heart. He was fluent, clear and impressive. He reasoned well, and his emotional nature was deep and delicately sensitive. If he had been less tender and sympathic he would have been dogmatic, for he possessed uncommon will power, and he was always decided and firm.

Brother Avery's private life was in harmony with his profession. He practiced the truths he taught, and discharged the duties he incu cated. In the pulpit and out of it he was the same devout, earnest, humble follower of Jesus. He communed much with God in secret, and his meditations were sweet with the breath of prayer. No wonder his faith grew stronger as the outward man grew weaker, for he had access to the hiding place of God's power.

If we derive encouragement from our brother's holy and useful life, is not our faith strengthened when we contemplate his triumphant death? How bright the glory that crowned those long years of distressing weakness and sharp pains!

When he felt that the end was nigh, he said to his dear friend, Judge Mc-Lean,—"Tell my brethren of the Conferenceth that I loved them dearly, and that all is well. I have kept the faith." At another time he said with deep emotion—"It is worth a life-time of suffering to feel as I do now. These raptures of joy in their breadth and length and depth and height I have never known before."

He died whispering—"I am crossing the river."

REV. T. R. BARNETT

Was born in Virginia, removed at a tender age to South Carolina, where he lived until he reached manhood, and married Miss C. C. Townsend, of Marlborough District, in that State. His wife was indeed a help meet and their blended lives flowed through more than half a century. He found the peace of God in 1831, and as soon as he made up his mind to serve God, he

began to manifest that spirit of earnest determination and high sense of duty that marked his course as a Christian and a minister. While he was a penitent he discharged the duty of family prayer, and it was while he was engaged in that service his sins were forgiven and his heart was filled with unutterable joy. He first served the church as a class leader, then nineteen years as an exhorter, and five years as a local preacher. During the larger portion of that period he could not have labored more diligently had he been an itinerant preacher. He entered the Florida Conference in December, 1855, and for twenty-four years our brother devoted himself with ardor and thoroughness to the work of the ministry. The condition of his wife's health obliged him to withdraw from the regular work at the close of 1879. It was with extreme reluctance he took that step for he had always longed to "cease at once to work and live." His wife died early in the following year and while he submitted with meekness to the bereavement it told upon his spirits and health. His interest in the things of earth diminished while his heart dwelt with increasingly intense delight on heavenly things. For the space of two years he stood by waiting quietly and suffering cheerfully. For a short time previous to his death he was subject to severe paroxysms of pain. He had a fatal attack near midnight on the 22nd of last March. In the midst of the pain he exclaimed, "My time is come. I am gone," and he welcomed the summons with shouts of praise. His last articulate utterance was, "Thank the Lord!" and when the power of speech failed he raised his hand and looked upward, and with a beaming face closed his eyes on earth to open them upon the glories of heaven.

REV. SELWYN L. SMITH

Was born in Macon, Georgia, March 5th, 1852, while his father. O. L. Smith, D. D., was President of Wesleyan Female College. He was licensed to preach at Oxford, Georgia, while a student of Emory College; married Miss Sallie S. Stewart, May 18th, 1877; was admitted on trial in the South Georgia Conference; transferred the same year to the Florida Conference, and died October 23d, 1882.

During the six years he labored among us he served Mellonville, Lake Jessup, Lake City, and Micanopy. Of the five ministers whose memories we have met to honor, three bent under the burden of age and infirmities, and one had been dying daily of an incurable disease for years; brother Smith was the only one whose sun seemed far from its setting. We cannot tell why it went down, but faith assures us we shall know hereafter. Brother Smith was a locally and pleasant man. His nature was sweet, his heart was pure, his life was beautiful. He loved everybody; everybody loved him, and those loved him most who knew him best. He was genial, unselfish helpful, sympathetic. He was richly endowed with sense, judgment, tact and taste. The law of kindness was the rule of his life. He had a nice perception of the properties of life, and never violated them, either through inadvertence or of purpose. Brother Smith planned wisely and worked diligently. He was a steady, earnest, thorough, systematic worker. He tried to meet all the requirements of his calling and of the church. He cultivated an humble spirit, spent much of his time in prayer, and was always hopeful and trustful. He preached and labored to save souls, and to glorify His sermons were plain and simple, instructing, convincthe grace of God ing and comforting. His soul went out in sympathy with the seeker after salvation, and he was never so happy as when he was pointing out the way of salvation to the mourner in Zion, and trying to persuade him to trust in Jesus. He was untiring in his labors at protracted meetings, and very efficient. He spent his strength at a meeting of profound interest, when he was taken sick. The attack was sudden and sharp, and in a few days the spirit of our beloved brother entered into the joy of his Lord.

U. SINCLAIR BIRD,

Chairman.

CHARGES PAYING ASSESSMENTS.

"OWE NO MAN ANYTHING."

I. Salary and Collections in Full—Tallahassee Station—H.H.Kennedy; *Leon Circuit—W. S. Richardson; Monticello Station—F. Pasco; *Gadsden Circuit—R. Martin; *Jasper Circuit—T. J. Nixon; *Gainesville Station—J. P. DePass; *Ocala Station—E. H. Harman; *Sparks' Chapel Station—J. J. Seally; Sanford and E. Chapel Station—A. A. Barnett; *Kissimmee Mission—E. F. Ley; *Tampa Station—U. S. Bird; *Manatee Station—F. R. Bridges. Total 12; Decrease 2.

II. Collections Paid in Full—*Live Oak Circuit.—W. H. F. Robarts; Madison Station—W. Dunbar; Ellaville Circuit—S. B. Black; *Lake City Station—E. L. T. Blake; Starke and Waldo Circuit—J. G. Graham; Bronson and Cedar Keys Circuit—J. B. Johnstone; Moss Bluff Mission—E. D. Luter; La Villa Station—H. B. Frazee; Fernandina Station—J. Atkins; *Apopka Circuit—R. H. Barnett; *Bartow Circuit—C. E. Pelot; *Alafia Circuit—W. H. Parker. Total paying collections in full, 24. Decrease, 9.

III. PAID SALARIES ONLY IN FULL—Ft. Dade Circuit—W. Williams; Pine Level Circuit—G. W. Mitchell; Ft. Myers Station—E. H. Giles. Total paying salaries in full, 15. Decrease, 1.

CONSTITUTION

OF THE BOARD OF MISSIONS FLORIDA CONFERENCE.

I. There shall be a Board of Missions for this Conference, composed of six clerical and four lay members, to be elected for four years; all vacancies to be filled by the Conference upon the nomination of the Board.

The Presiding Elders shall be ex-officio members of the Board.

II. The Board shall elect a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary and a Treasurer.

III. The President or the Vice-President shall preside in all meetings of the Board, or, in the absence of both, a Chairman shall be elected.

The Secretary shall keep a record of the proceedings of the Board, and make an annual report of the missionary work within the Conference.

The Treasurer shall hold the funds of the Board subject to its order, signed by the President and countersigned by the Secretary, and shall make an annual report to the Board.

IV. The Board shall make the appropriations to the Mission fields in the Conference, shall estimate the amount necessary for work of next year, and apportion to the several Presiding Elders Districts; shall hold an anniversary meeting during the session of Conference, and shall employ such other means to promote the cause of Missions as may be deemed advisable.

V. Each missionary shall be required to make a quarterly report of his Mission to the President of the Board.

VI. Each missionary shall prepare duplicate copies of his annual statistical report for the Secretary of the Board.

CONSTITUTION

OF BOARD TO AID IN THE EDUCATION OF YOUNG PREACHERS.

- I. There shall be a Board of Education for this Conference, composed of five clerical and four lay members, to be elected for four years. All vacancies shall be filled by the Conference upon nomination of the Board.
- II. The Board shall elect a President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer.
 - III. Five members shall constitute a quorum of the Board.
- IV. The President or Vice-President shall preside in all meetings of this Board, or in the absence of both, a Chairman pro tem. shall be elected by the Board.

The Secretary shall keep a record of all the proceedings of the Board in an appropriate book provided for this purpose, an account of all moneys received by the Board, and turn over all such moneys to the Treasurer, taking his receipt for the same.

The Treasurer shall receive all moneys of the Board from the Secretary, receipt to him for the same, and pay them out upon the orders of the Board, signed by the President and countersigned by the Secretary.

- V. Annual collections shall be taken in each congregation within the bounds of our Conference, to raise moneys for the purposes of this Board. It shall be the duty of the preachers in charge to bring this cause before the people and solicit voluntary contributions, and pay over the amounts so raised to the Secretary of the Board.
- VI. The amount of money so collected shall be annually applied by the Board for the education of young men preparing for the ministry of our Church.
- VII. The Board shall hold an annual meeting during each session of the Annual Conference, and at such other times as they may be called together by the President.

VIII. The proceedings of the Board shall be furnished by the Secretary to the Conference for publication in the Minutes.

CONSTITUTION

OF THE RELIEF ASSOCIATION OF THE FLORIDA CONFERENCE M. E. CHURCH, SOUTH.

ARTICLE I. This Association shall be called The Relief Association of the Florida Conference M. E. Church, South.

ARTICLE II. The officers of this Association shall consist of a President Vice-President, Secretary and a Treasurer, each to be elected by ballot quadrennially.

ARTICLE III. It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all meetings of the Association. In case of his absence, the Vice-President shall act in his place. When both are absent, a President pro tem. shall be chosen by the Association.

ARTICLE IV. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to keep a record of the proceedings of the Association; to notify members of the death of any participating member; to present an itemized account of his expenses as Secretary, for stationery, postage, etc., at each annual meeting of the Association, which account shall be audited and paid by the Association.

ARTICLE V. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all mortuary fees and to forward the same to heirs of deceased members; also to hold and disburse all funds belonging to the Association as he may be authorized or ordered.

ARTICLE VI. Membership in this Association shall consist of two classes—participating and contributing.

ARTICLE VII. To become a participating member one must be connected with our Conference by one or the other of our disciplinary relations; *i. e.*, on trial, in full connection, supernumerary or superannuated. Membership to hold good while thus connected with the Conference and fees are paid. Membership to cease when either of these ceases.

ARTICLE VIII. Any person who signs a written obligation to pay one dollar on the death of each participating member may become a contributing member.

ARTICLE IX. The mortuary fee, to be paid by each participating member, shall be five dollars. Said amount to be paid as soon after decease of member as possible; if not paid by the ensuing session of Conference the name of defaulter shall be stricken from the roll unless retained by vote of the Association.

ARTICLE X. This Association shall hold regular yearly meetings during the sessions of the Florida Annual Conference, M. E. Church, South.

ARTICLE XI. In case a vacancy occurs in the Secretary's office between the sessions of the Association, the President shall take charge of his books and papers, and discharge the duties of his office until the meeting of the Association. If, from any cause, the President be not able to perform this duty, it shall devolve upon the Vice-President.

ARTICLE XII. Upon the the death of a participating member, leaving no dependent relative, the mortuary fees due in his case shall go into the treasury subject to the order of a two-third vote of the Association.

ARTICLE XIII. Any amendment to this Constitution may be made by two-thirds of the members present and voting at any regular meeting therefor.

Your Committee on Church Extension respectfully submit for your adoption the following

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE 1.—Name.

This organization shall be known as the Board of Church Extension of the Florida Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

ARTICLE 2.—Officers and their Duties.

The officers of this Board shall be a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary, a Treasurer and five managers, to be elected by the Florida Annual Conference, on nomination of the Presiding Elders, at its session next succeeding each session of the General Conference. The President, Secretary and Treasurer shall-constitute an Executive Committee. The duties of the

officers of the Executive Committee shall be the same as usually pertain to such officers and committee in similar bodies.

ARTICLE 3.—Object.

The object of this Board is to assist as an auxiliary the Parent Board, and to take charge of all the interests and work of Church Extension in the Florida Annual Conference according to the provision of the Discipline.

ARTICLE 4.—Funds.

The funds of this Board shall be derived from contributions from the Parent Board, from collections taken by each preacher in every congregation, donations, bequests and collections at the Anniversary meetings.

ARTICLE 5 .- Meetings.

This Board shall hold a regular meeting at each session of the Annual Conference, at which regular meeting provision shall be made for anniversary exercises. Special meetings may be held on call of the Executive Committee. Five members of the Board shall be a quorum at any meeting. Vacancies in the interim of the Conference shall be filled by the Board.

ARTICLE 6.

All applications for aid shall set forth,

A description of the building for which aid is asked.
 The estimated and probable cost when completed.

3. The amount of cash and reliable subscriptions on hand.4. The nature of the title, its validity, whether held in trust for the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

5. The name of the Board of Trustees.6. The number of church members, Sunday School children and population

of the place, if within a town or city.

7. Any additional facts that may be required by the Board, or that may be deemed necessary or useful to the Board in making a decision. In no case shall the Treasurer pay money to aid any church building until ordered to do so by the Executive Committee. And in no case shall the Executive Committee make an order for such payment till furnished with a written certificate from the recorder of deeds for the county in which the building is being erected, showing that a warranty deed conveying the site of the church edifice in fee simple to the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, is on record, and also a written certificate from the trustees of such church building, assuring the committee that the payment asked for from this Board will speedily open the house for use.

ARTICLE 7.—Assessment.

The Board, at its regular meeting, shall apportion among the Presiding Elders' districts the amount assessed upon the Conference by the Parent Board and the District Stewards are instructed to apportion the assessments upon the districts among the several charges of the same.

ARTICLE 8.—Amendments.

This Constitution may be altered or amended at any regular meeting, by a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting, and the ratification of the conference.

APPENDIX.

REPORT OF CORRESPONDING SECRETARY FLORIDA CONFERENCE SOCIETY.

Again, my sisters, we are assembled to celebrate the Annual Meeting of

the Woman's Missionary Society of our Church in Florida.

Another year has flown with its responsibilities, cares and results, and now, what of the harvest-fields in which the Master has called us to work? Where are the sheaves of golden grain to be garnered into the heavenly store-house? Can it be said of each one of us, "she hath done what she could?" Of whom, indeed, can it be said?

If one human soul, through our exertions, hath been turned from darkness to the marvelous light of the Sun of Righteousness, only the unerring scales

of heavenly wisdom can weigh the spiritual treasure.

There are causes for happy rejoicings and hearty thanksgivings, and praiseful songs in this "Harvest Home;" but alas! amid the notes of gladness, there are minor tones of regret our hearts should chant, that more has not been done to spread the glad tidings of great joy to all people; that more soldiers have not been enlisted in this warfare against the powers of darkness; that so few of our church-women in Florida, are members of the Woman's Missionary Society. However, let us thank God, and take courage, and press forward.

One year ago, we celebrated in Monticello, our first Annual Meeting. At the instance of our President, Mrs. C. A. Fulwood, Mrs. Juliana Hayes, President of the Woman's Board of Missions, had been invited to be present. Much, under God's blessing is owing to the impetus given to the cause in Florida by her presence and consecrated energy.

It was the first opportunity that had been afforded us to place before our pastors in its true light, "woman's work for woman." This occasion was embraced, and we hope improved.

At that meeting, sixteen auxiliaries were reported, with a membership of 358. During the progress of the meeting, two life members were made, Bishop McTyeire and Mrs. C. T. Carroll, and since then nine others have been added. There are now 38 auxiliary societies registered with a membership (according to the most recent data furnished the Corresponding Secretary) of 902, showing that during the year our numbers have been more than doubled. Of these, Spark's Chapel, Key West, contains the largest membership, numbering 81. Citra has contributed the largest amount per member, (\$2.14) for the year 1882.

Seven juvenile societies may be regarded in operation, with 161 members. Of these Monticello is the largest, numbering at last accounts 41. Miccosukie Juvenile Auxiliary has raised the largest amount per member, 77 cents. Gainesville district is entitled to the banner for missionary enterprise,

having the largest number of auxiliary societies in operation, and having organized the greatest number during the Conference year. May their laud-

able zeal provoke others with good works.

We have distributed to the different societies copies of the Annual Report of the Woman's Board of Missions at Nashville, and also to various pastors besides members, tracts and copies of the Woman's Missionary Advocate for perusal and circulation. Just here, we would draw the attention of our women to the vast importance of enlightenment, in regard to the mission fields. Without some knowledge of what is being projected and accomplished, how can we expect that interest will be stimulated, or effort promoted? We urge, therefore, that every reasonable effort be employed to increase the circulation of our own little organ, the Woman's Missionary Advocate, there being at present only 130 copies taken. Like a brave little craft it has weathered the storm, and amid breakers of anxiety and rocks of misgiving has calmly pursued its way, and has borne to our treasury a freight of real gold and untold measures of spiritual treasure that can never be estimated. Let every member of the society consider herself an agent for the paper.

I saw written in capitals the other day that "the success of the Woman's Missionary Society is indissolubly connected with the individual efforts of its members." Is it necessary to call to our minds the familiar object lesson of the coral insect that quietly, yet surely, adds each its tiny atom to the slowly-ascending isle that erewhile shall reach the glorious sun light to be clothed with rich verdue, and waving palms amid the tropic splendor? Are we seeking to reach a grander light? Are we hastening to great the Sun of Righteousness whose glorious reign is bursting over a benighted world? Let each woman do her duty individually, and the grand aggregate of force and power shall hasten the spread of the gospel of peace.

A question of paramount importance in this noble and divine enterprise is how to sustain the enthusiasm already aroused, and how to develop an

interest that now is dormant.

There are 5,000 women in the M. E. Church, South, in Florida, of whom not 1,000 are yet members of the Woman's Missionary Society. What can we do, my sisters, to enlist them in this beautiful work for the Master?

There are a few suggestions which were offered another society like ours that our President desires me to incorporate in my report, hoping they may, under God's blessing, prove effectual in the upbuilding of our organization:

First. Regularity, unremitting regularity. Regularity in holding the monthly meeting despite all hindrances but those of a providential character. Regularity in the attendance of a majority of the members, and lastly, regularity in the quarterly reports to the Corresponding Secretary and the Treasurer of the Conference Society.

Another imperative element as we have already intimated is information which our church organs furnish, and especially our own little Advocate. And lastly, "work, persistent work," for the interests of the society.

Beside all these admirable suggestions which we adopt, we feel there is another and grander element and that is personal consecration, without which we may not hope for any sustained effort, or spiritual growth. Let every society be impressed with this thought on coming together, "We will earnestly invoke the Holy Spirit to direct, control, and inspire our every effort." Without this how can we hope for success? With this, how dare we despair of final triumph? Let every woman so consecrate her gifts, be it voice or pen, or influence that every meeting may be redolent of fresh flowers gathered from the garden of the Lord.

There may be many delightful and engaging expedients, it is said, that sanctified hearts may resort to, to lend a charm to these meetings. Sweet songs—entertaining reading—questions of cheering promises; gleanings from the mission fields, may all be made sources of profit and enjoyment.

It looks like a failure somewhere, when a missionary society is organized amid so much interest and promising usefulness, and enthusiastic addresses, only to fall, in a few short mouths, into a dead apathy. Some of the letters addressed to the Corresponding Secretary would be amusing, if they were not so pitiably sad. We need an electric shock of divine grace to arouse our women from their apathetic indifference!

We must appeal to our pastors to aid us in this work. If they will give their personal attention and encouragement to this field of Christian enterprise, we may look for success under God's blessing. If they fail to co-operate, and regard with indifferent eye this womanly effort, the Woman's Missionary Societies, unless directed by earnest, consecrated women may be

expected to lanquish and die. We dare to affirm that the effort on their part will pay: that the investment may prove an immense bonanza of spiritual riches. Will they not try the experiment? We thank those who have.

There are—there must be—many points where some effort might be made to establish missionary societies. We would suggest that where the membership of a church is too scattered for the ladies to hold regular missionary meetings that they give their names to the nearest auxiliary, forwarding their contributions through the regularly organized channel. It is a beautiful and comforting thought however familiar, that though we may never, and can never assemble in a grand missionary mass meeting, our united prayers may ascend together as a cloud of incense before the throne, for God's blessing on "woman's work for woman."

We beg to call the attention of our auxiliaries once more to what is called the Memorial Fund, which, as they know, is composed of offerings given in memory of the little ones "gone before." There is many a bereaved heart that may respond to a call like this with a tender gratitude, and deeper interest than could be felt for ordinary demands. The golden key of *love* may unlock many a treasure that would not otherwise have found its way to the

treasury of the Lord.

And now, for a bird's eye glance abroad. There are twelve female missionaries employed by our society; six in in China, two in Brazil, three on the Mexican border, and one medical missionary preparing herself in Phila-

delphia, for future usefulness.

The amount raised for the fiscal year of 1881-82 was somewhat over \$25,000.00, besides \$500.00 from the Woman's Missionary Advocate. The total number of members is 421,034, beside 5,329 members of young people and juvenile societies; one hundred and eighty-six life members,

and seven honorary life members.

From every field of labor come encouraging reports—the fields are white to the harvest. They are calling for teachers; they are receiving our western civilization with open arms. At last, the most narrow-minded and bigoted race of the Orientials is willing to sit at the feet of America and learn her lessons of wisdom—God grant of heavenly wisdom! There are doors opening before us that only women can enter.

Those consecrated women who have given up home and friends for Christ's sake and the Gospel's, declare that in this sacrifice there joy was never so

great, and that they have songs in the night season.

Let us bear them up on the wings of our prayer; let us be ready to respond to every call; let us not be forgetful of the debt we owe our Master which can never, never be cancelled, that through His mercy our feet have not been set in the shackles of the dreary bondage of benighted heathendom, and let us be ready to stretch out the hand of sympathy to our suffering pagan sisters in those far lands, who are calling on us for help, remembering that, "They that turn many to righteousness, shall shine as the stars, forever and ever."

Respectfully submitted, L. TUCKER.

Corresponding Secretary, Florida Conference Society and W. M. S.

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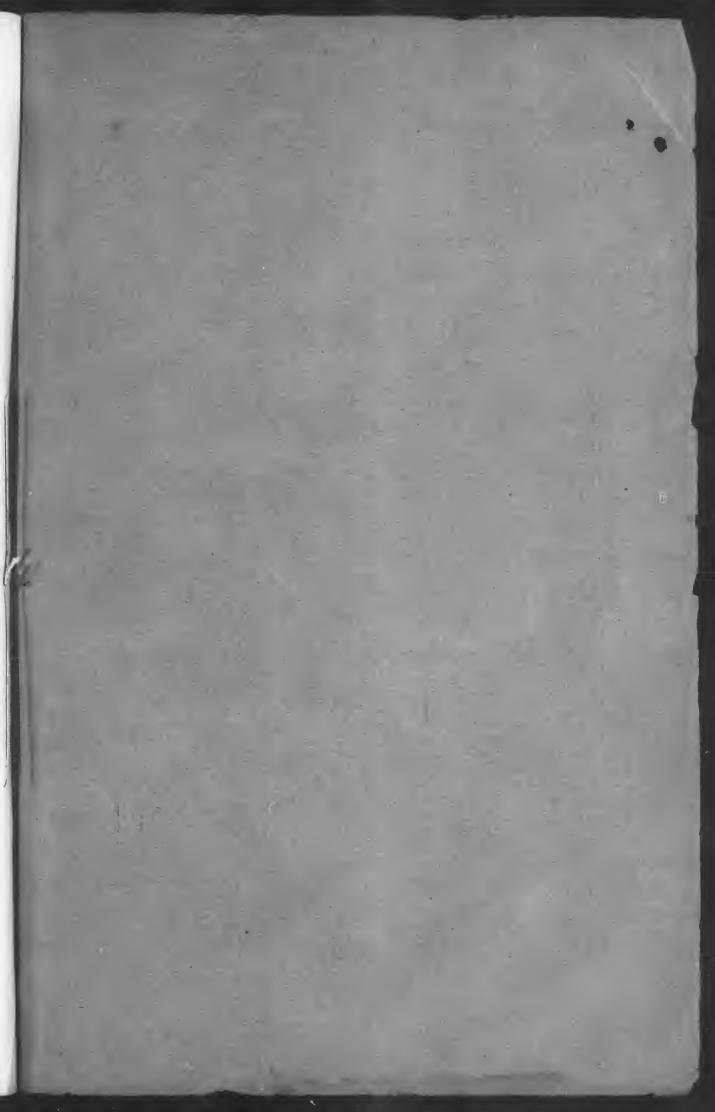
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